



HOMEMADE NECTAR

MAKE A TREAT FOR YOUR BUTTERFLY FRIENDS!

Episode: "Where Have All the Butterflies Gone?" (11 min.)







Oh no! A long-awaited play date with Daisy's butterfly friends is at risk because there are no flowers around for the butterflies to feed on. When all seems lost, Nature Cat steps up to save the day. He and his pals decide to build a new butterfly garden before the butterflies have to fly off.

Episode curriculum goal: Butterflies come from caterpillars that need special "host" plants to survive.

Clips on PBSKids.org: "Butterfly Garden!"; "Squeeks' Butterfly Friend"

*To view clips, visit [PBSKids.org/video](https://pbskids.org/video), click on Nature Cat and select Browse.

What You'll Need:

-  Bright orange, red or yellow sponge
-  1 cup water
-  1/4 cup granulated sugar
-  Twine or string
-  Large heat-resistant utensil for stirring
-  Scissors



Goal of the activity:

Create an outdoor butterfly feeder for your home, and observe butterfly behavior.

Tally Ho! What to Do:

1. Bring water to a boil, stir in sugar & simmer until dissolved.
2. Remove from heat, let cool completely.
3. If you want, cut sponges into smaller shapes.
4. Cut or poke a hole in each sponge.
5. Cut an 8" length of string or twine and thread through the hole in each sponge.
6. Dip each sponge in nectar, and let the excess drip off.
7. Hang each sponge from a branch.
8. You can also put several sponges in a shallow dish with the nectar mixture, and place the dish in your garden.
9. Observe the butterflies that come to feed.